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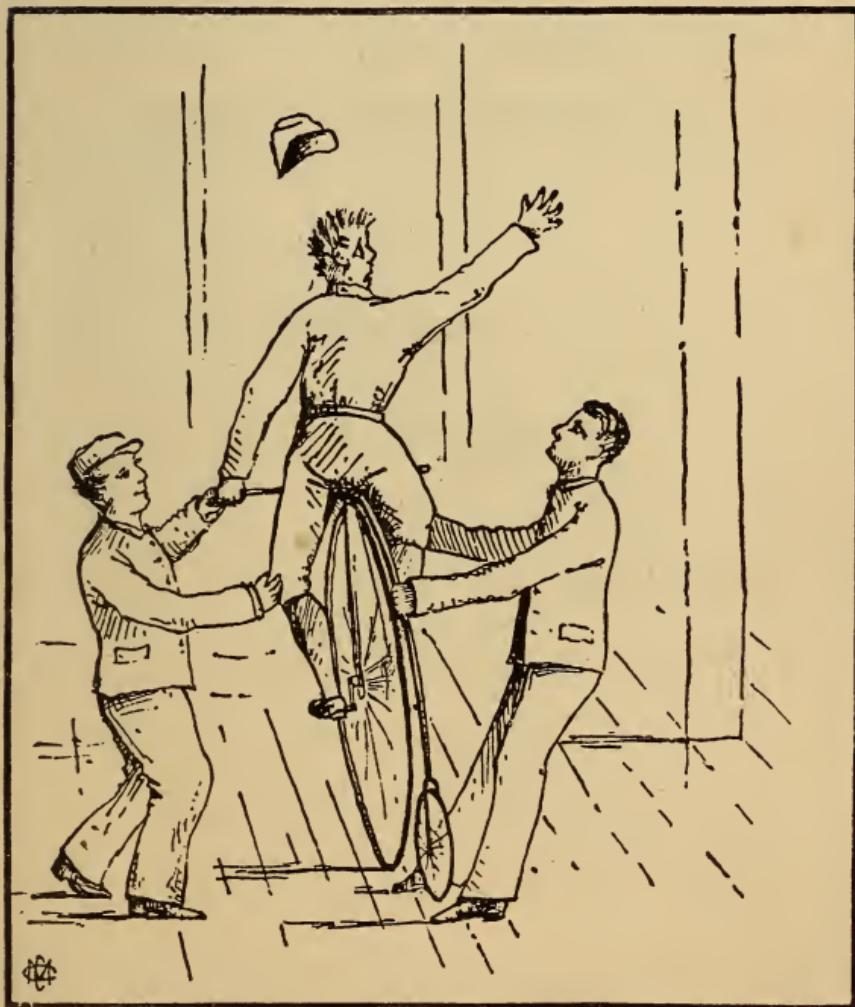
“Every unintelligible book should have a preface to explain its purport and meaning.”—*De Bouze.*

THEREFORE THIS

P R E F A C E .

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"The attempt, and not the deed, confounds us."



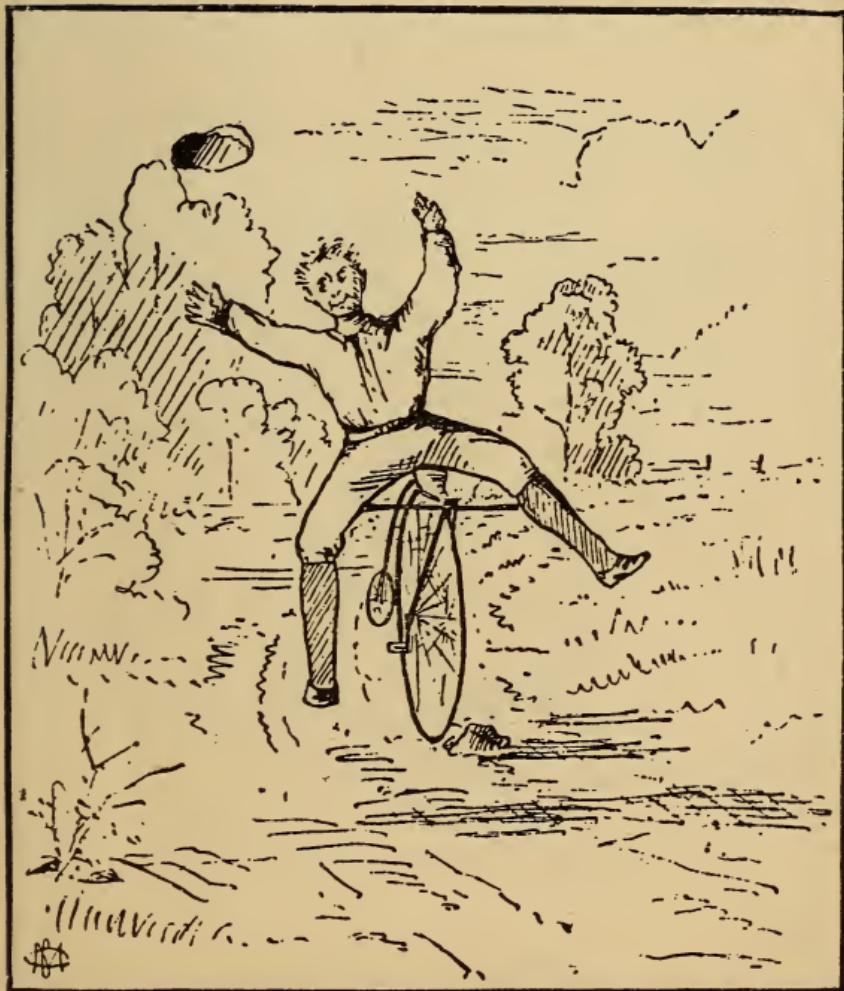
A The Attempt
I first had to make.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss."



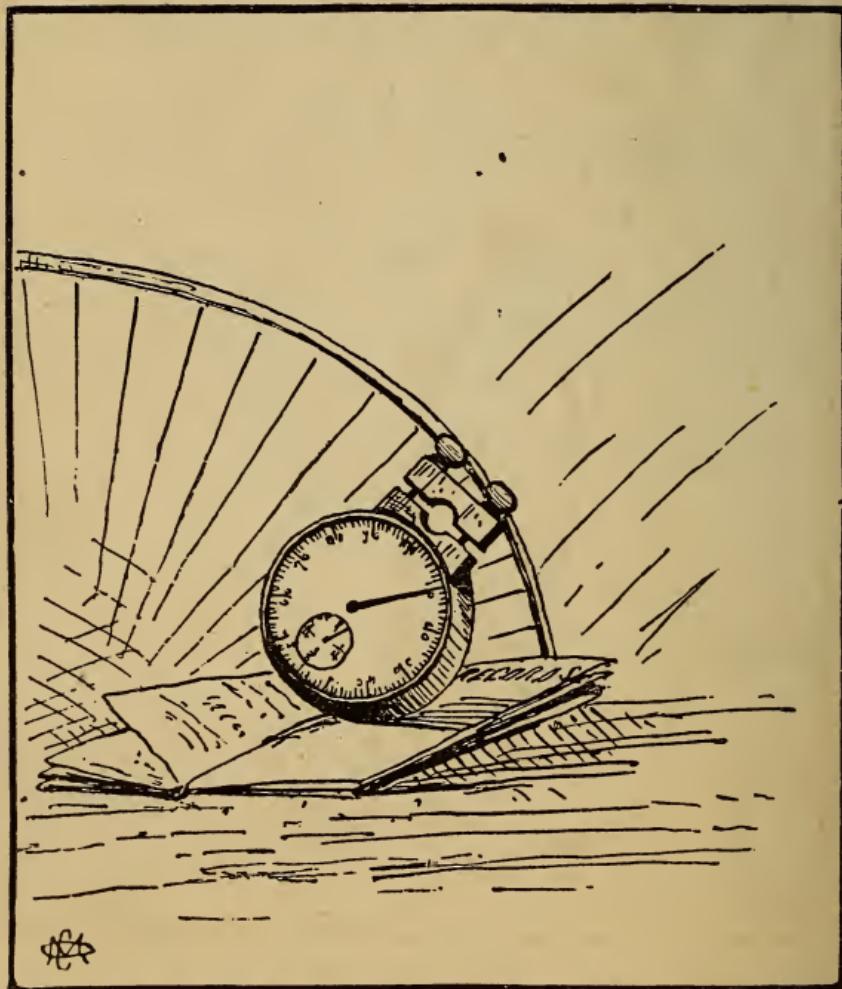
B For Ball-bearings,
That needed a brake.

"He that is down needs fear no fall."



C For the Cropper
I took the first day.

“True as the needle to the pole,
Or as the dial to the sun.”



D Is the Distance
I made on the way.

"Oh, for a forty-parson power!"



E For Exertion;
But still I won't stop.

"I care not for my spirits if my legs were not weary."



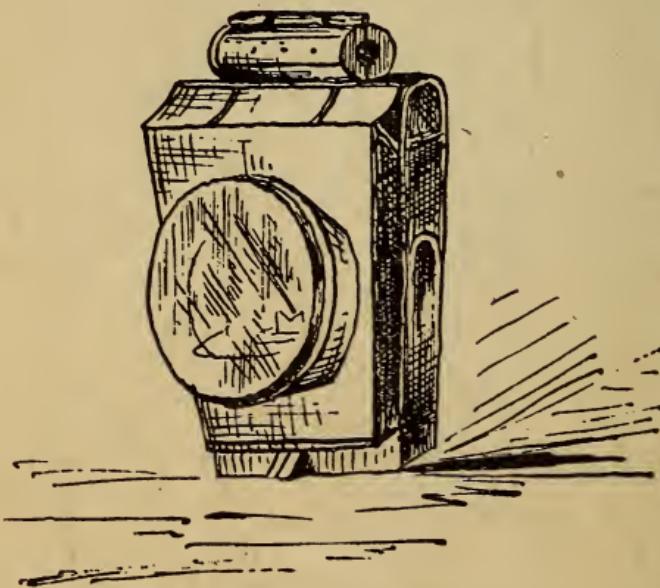
F For the Feeling
I had at the top.

"It never rains but it pours."



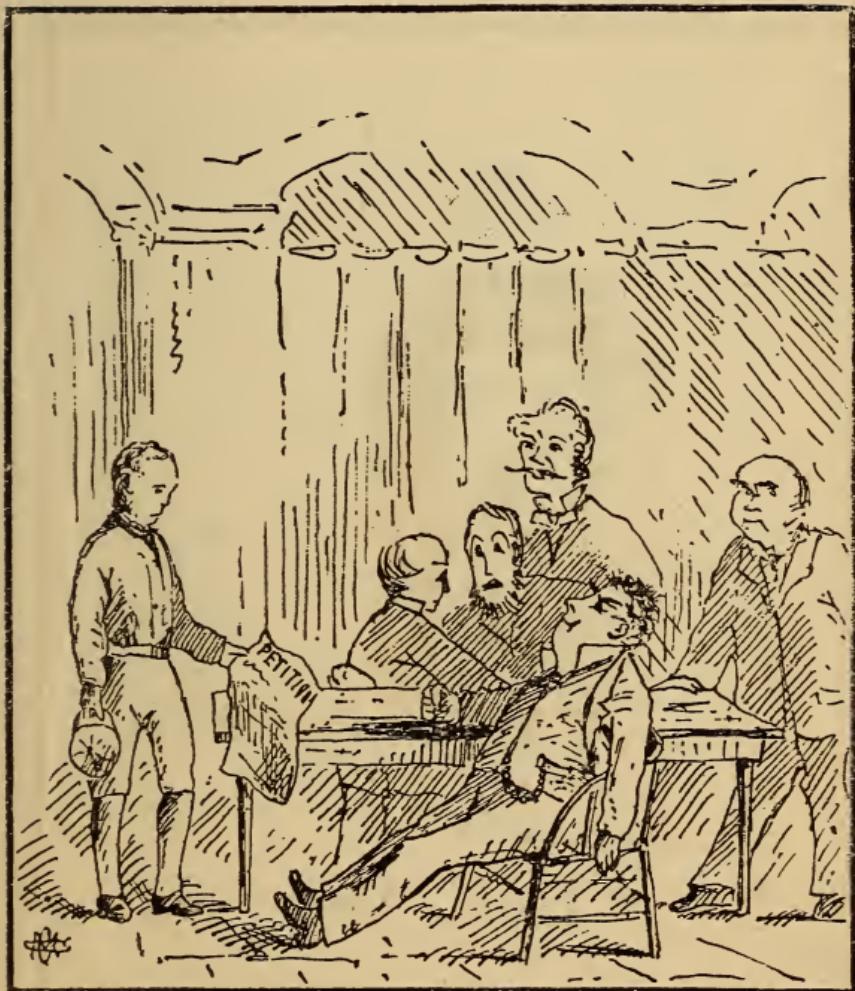
G Is the Ground,
That was slippery and wet.

“Twinkle, twinkle, little star.”



H A Hub-lamp,
The best that's made yet.

"Righteous indignation is not wrath."



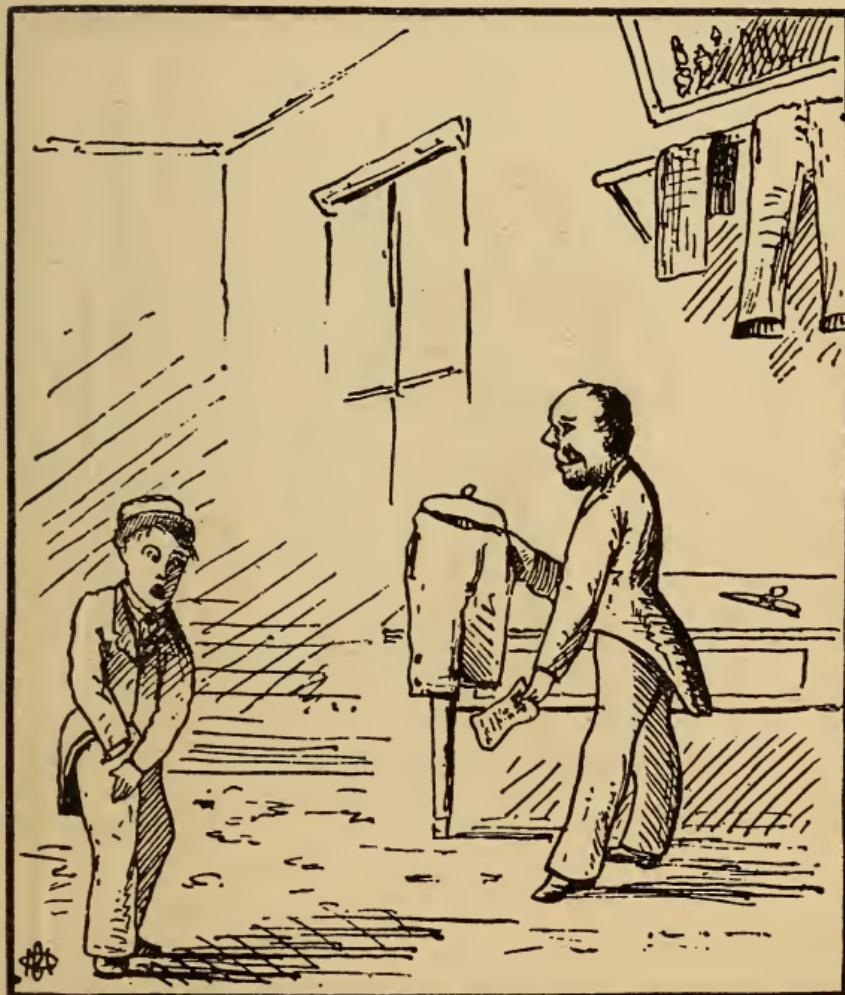
I Indignation of
Committee on Parks.

"He's a darling, he's a daisy."



J For our John,
The masher of hearts.

"The fashion wears out more apparel than the man."



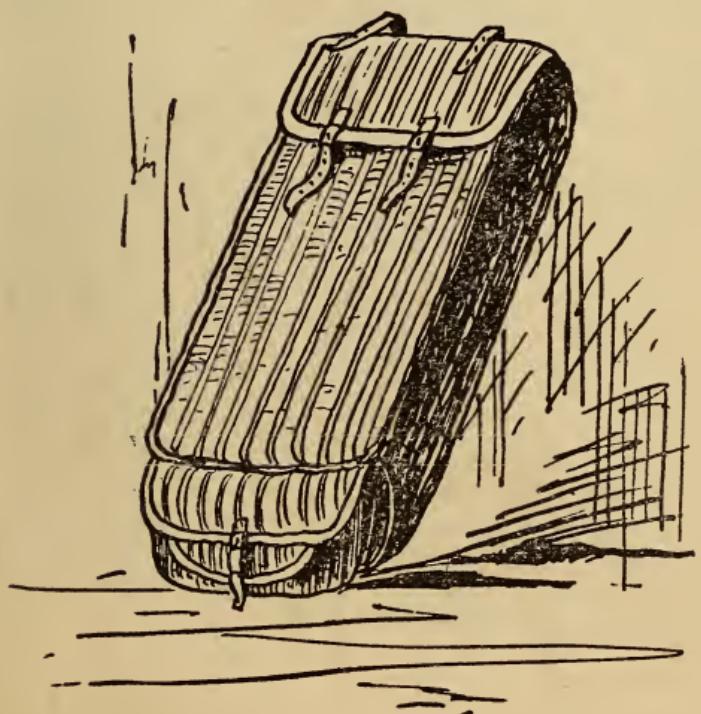
K For Knee-breeches,
The best, without doubt.

"My breeches, O, my breeches!"



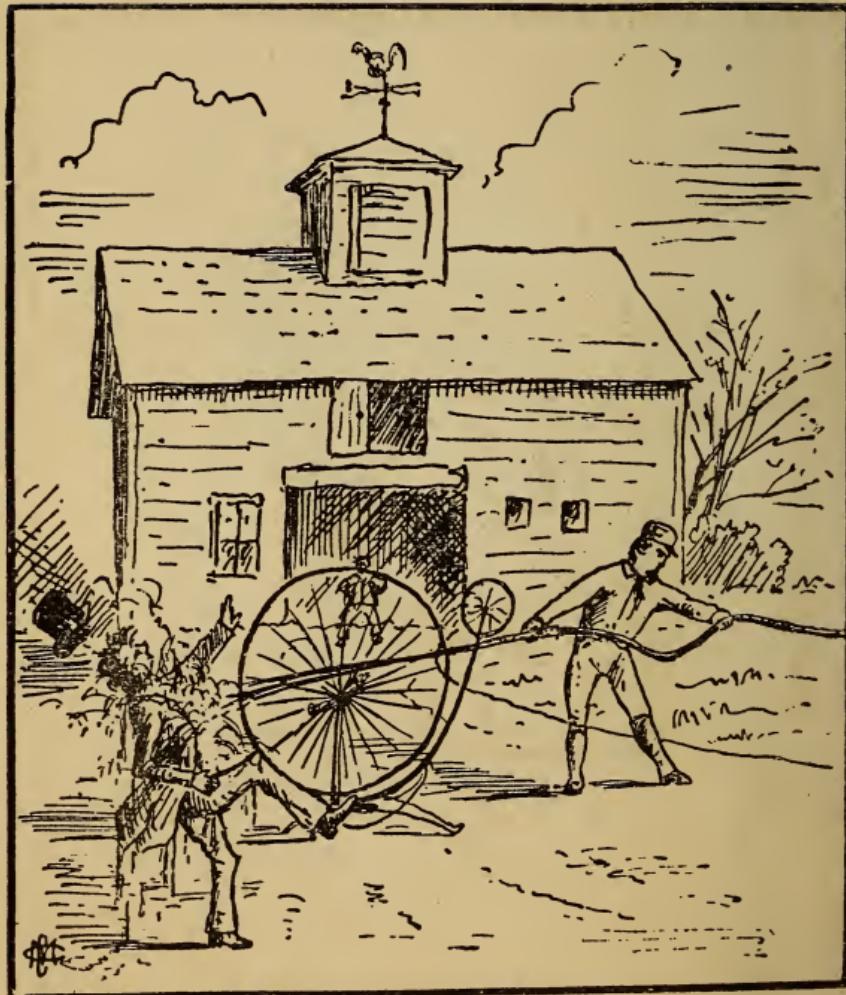
L For the Long-ride,
That wore us both out.

“ Multum in parvo.”



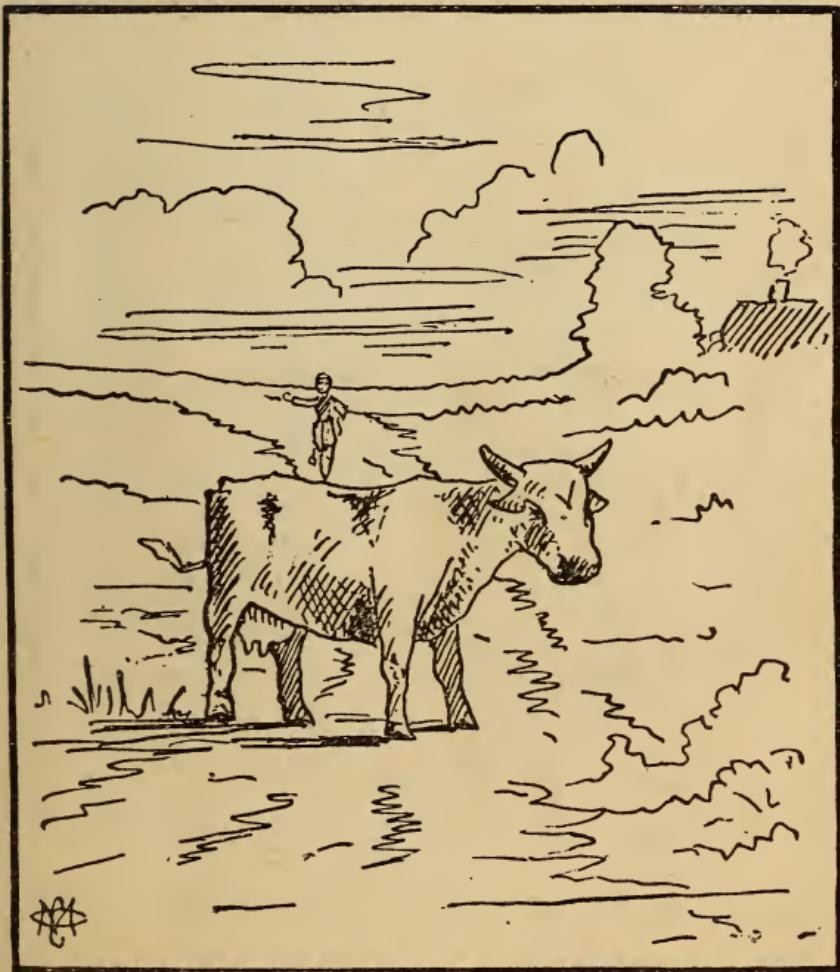
M For the Multum
To carry your clothes.

"Man wants but little here below,
Nor wants that little long."



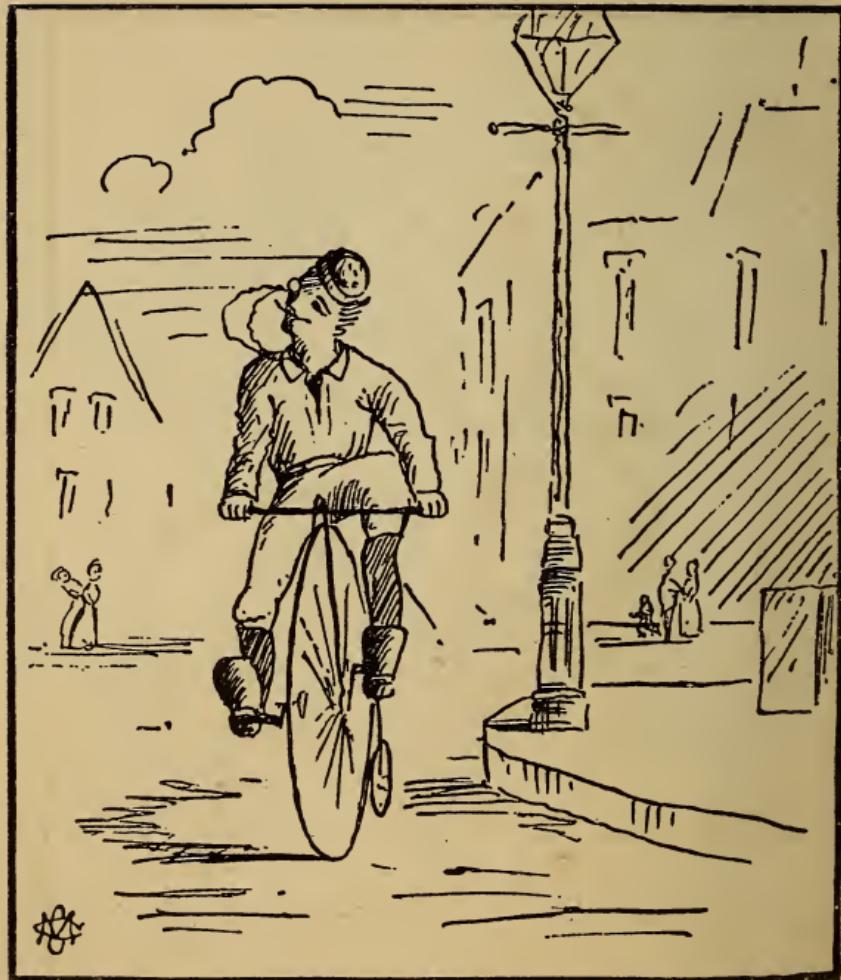
N Is for Nickel
You can wash with a hose.

"Obstructions never come singly."



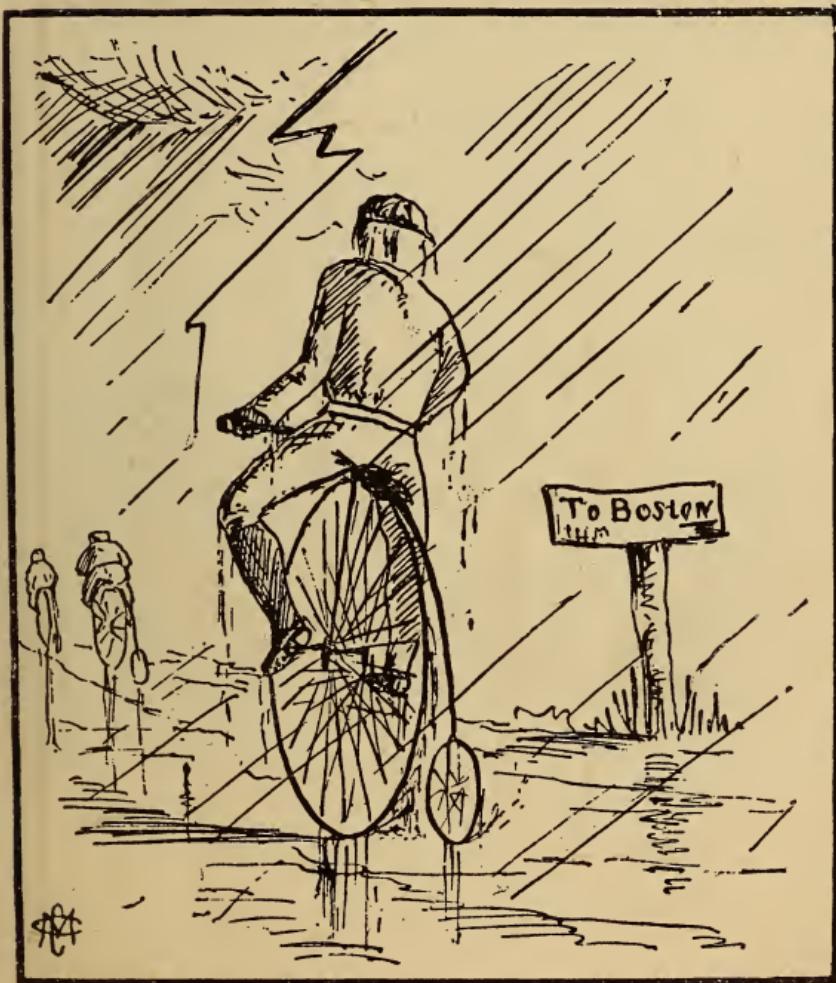
O For Obstruction
I found in the street.

"What a monstrous tail our cat has got!"



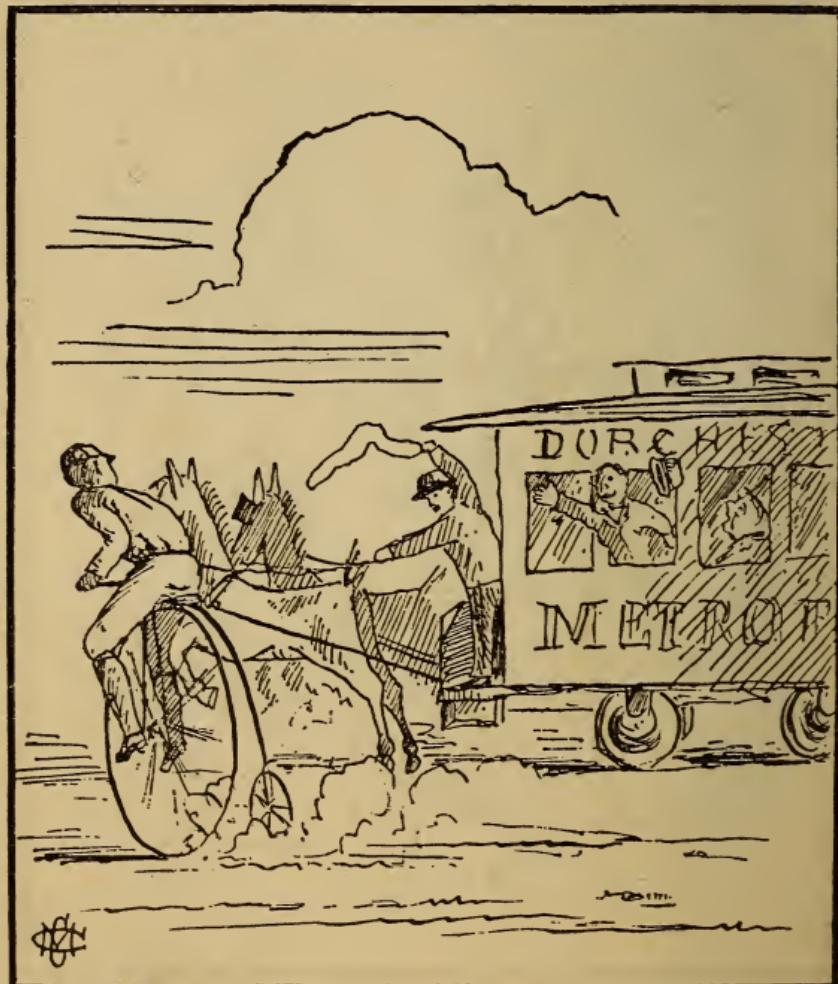
P For the Pedals,
Too small for my feet.

"A short question may need a long answer."



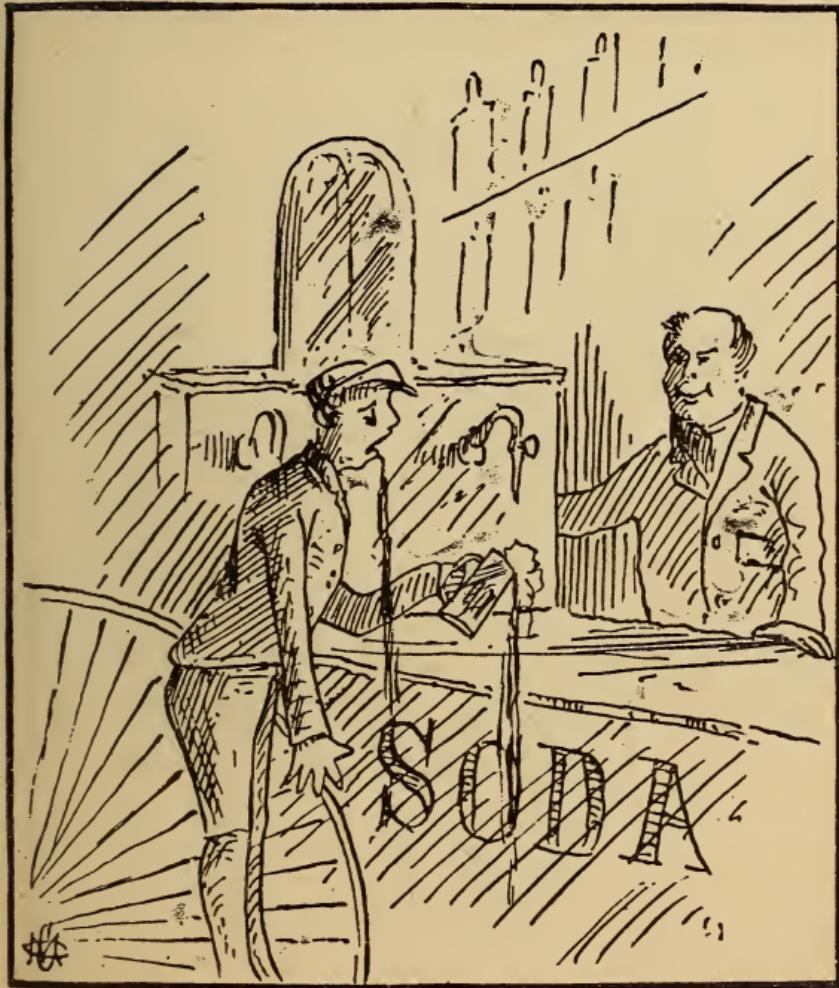
Q Is the Question,—
To Boston, how far?

“ Aldeborontiphoscophornio !
Where left thou Chrononhotonthologos ? ”



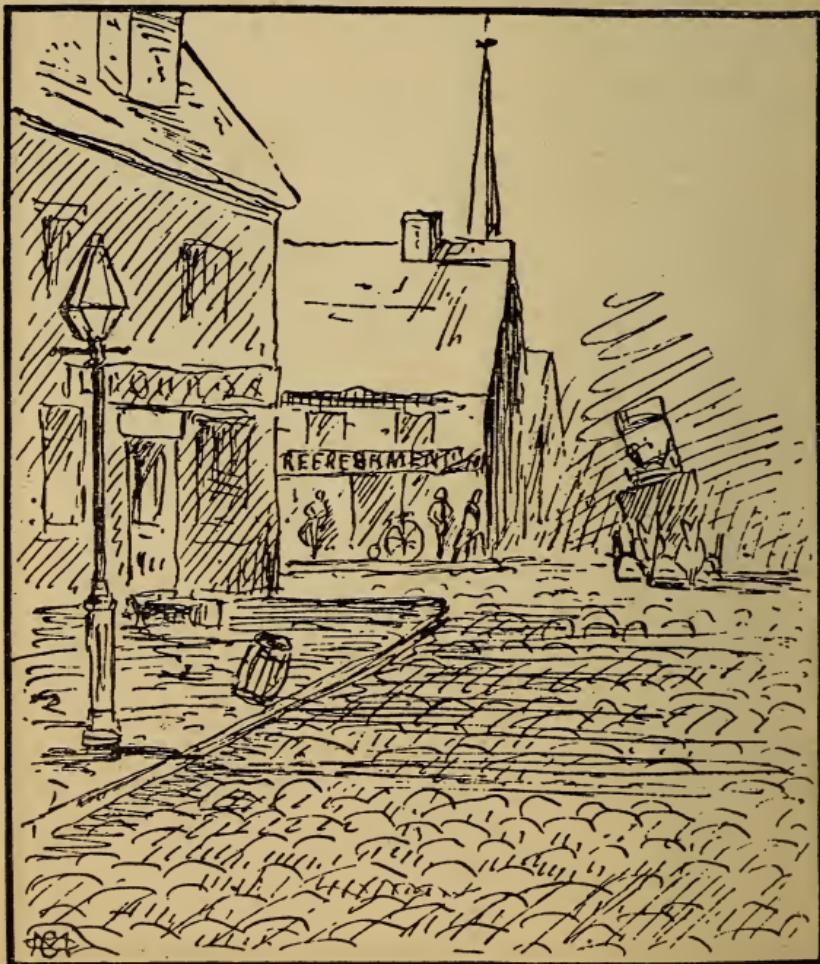
R Is the Race
I had with a car.

"Give me an ounce of civet, good apothecary, to sweeten my imagination."



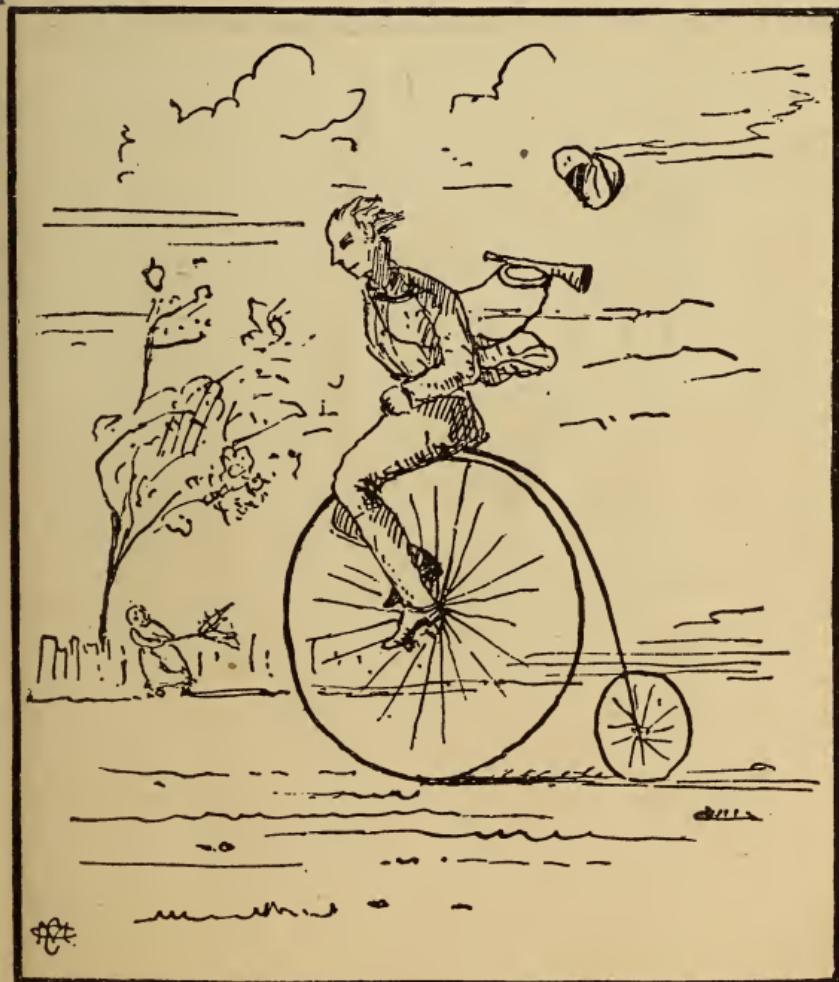
S For some Soda
I got at an inn.

"That it should come to this!"



V Is a Very
Rough, cobbly street.

"Except wind stands as never it stood,
It is an ill wind turns none to good."



W The Wind
That stops a strong treader.

"Wonderful, and yet again, most wonderful!"



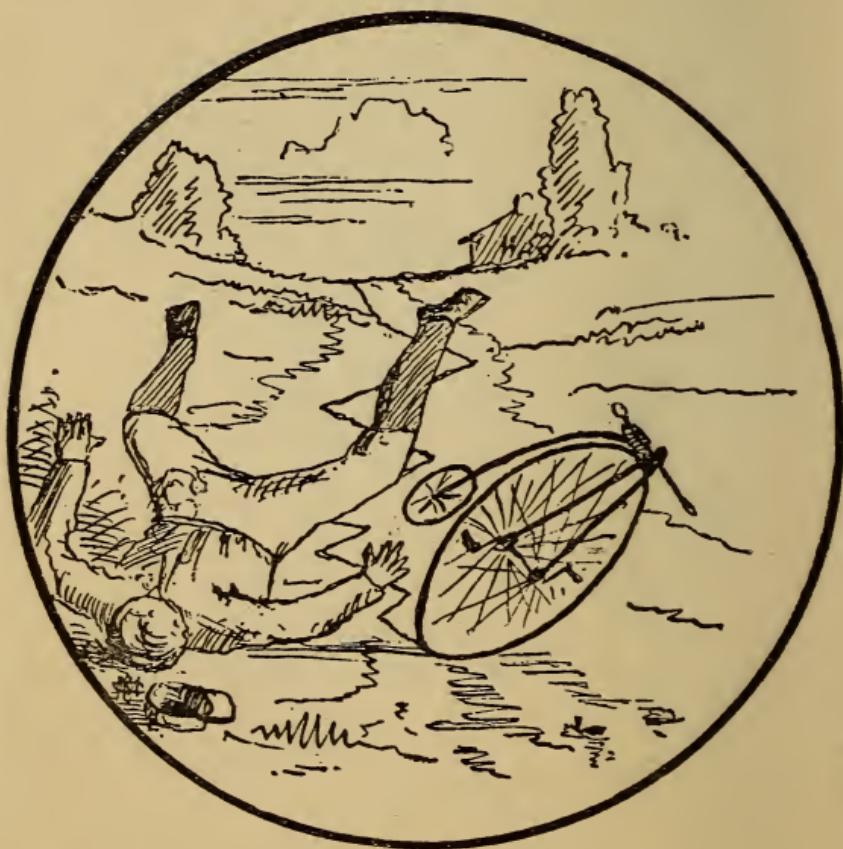
X The Xtraordinary,
You can't take a header.

"Take the boy to you; he troubles me so, 'tis
past enduring."

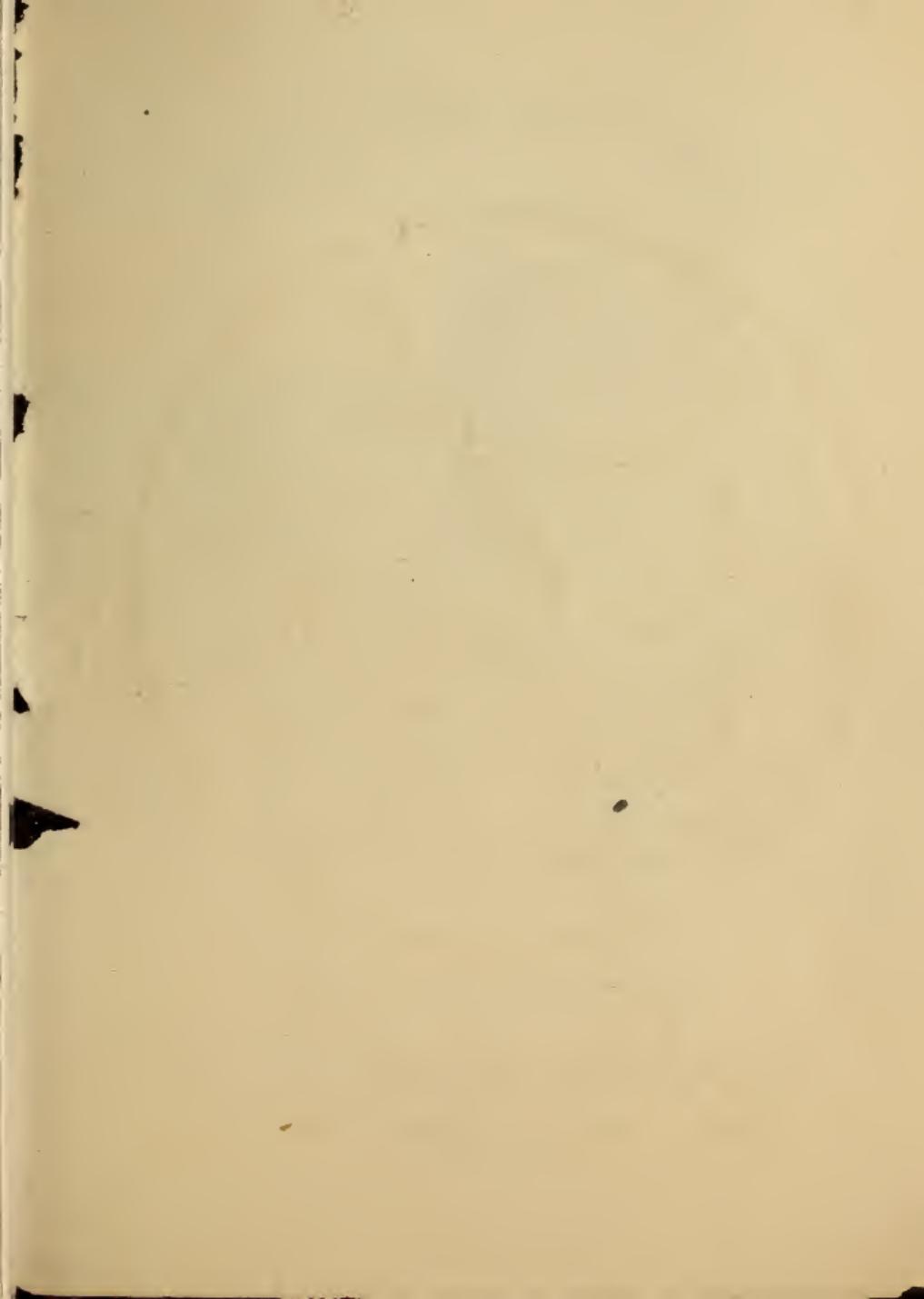


Y For the Youngster,
Who cries, Ring your bell.

"The end crowns all."



Z Is the Zigzag
I made 'fore I fell.



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